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**"AN ACT CONCERNING DRUNKEN DRIVING."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (59) of subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the  
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

6 (59) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for the  
7 private transportation of persons and their personal belongings,  
8 designed to carry occupants in comfort and safety, [with not less than  
9 fifty per cent of the total area enclosed by the outermost body contour  
10 lines, excluding the area enclosing the engine, as seen in a plan view,  
11 utilized for designated seating positions and necessary legroom] with  
12 a capacity of carrying not more than ten passengers including the  
13 operator thereof.

14 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 14-10 of the general statutes is

15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
16 *October 1, 2003*):

17 (c) (1) All records of the Department of Motor Vehicles pertaining to  
18 the application for registration, and the registration, of motor vehicles  
19 of the current or previous three years shall be maintained by the  
20 commissioner at the main office of the department. Any such records  
21 over three years old may be destroyed at the discretion of the  
22 commissioner. (2) Before disclosing personal information pertaining to  
23 an applicant or registrant from such motor vehicle records or allowing  
24 the inspection of any such record containing such personal information  
25 in the course of any transaction conducted at such main office, the  
26 commissioner shall ascertain whether such disclosure is authorized  
27 under subsection (f) of this section, and require the person or entity  
28 making the request to (A) complete an application that shall be on a  
29 form prescribed by the commissioner, and (B) provide two forms of  
30 acceptable identification. [, and (C) pay a fee of fifteen dollars to the  
31 commissioner in addition to any fee required under section 14-50a.] An  
32 attorney-at-law admitted to practice in this state may provide his or  
33 her juris number to the commissioner in lieu of the requirements of  
34 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The commissioner may disclose  
35 such personal information or permit the inspection of such record  
36 containing such information only if such disclosure is authorized  
37 under subsection (f) of this section, as amended by this act.

38 Sec. 503. Subsection (f) of section 14-10 of the general statutes is  
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
40 *1, 2003*):

41 (f) The commissioner may disclose personal information from a  
42 motor vehicle record to:

43 (1) Any federal, state or local government agency in carrying out its  
44 functions or to any individual or entity acting on behalf of any such  
45 agency, or

46 (2) Any individual, organization or entity that signs and files with

47 the commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided in  
48 section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the  
49 commissioner, together with such supporting documentation or  
50 information as the commissioner may require, that such information  
51 will be used for any of the following purposes:

52 (A) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and  
53 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations,  
54 recalls or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and  
55 dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers and removal of nonowner  
56 records from the original owner records of motor vehicle  
57 manufacturers to implement the provisions of the federal Automobile  
58 Information Disclosure Act, 15 USC 1231 et seq., [the Motor Vehicle  
59 Information and Cost Saving Act, 15 USC 1901 et seq., the National  
60 Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, 15 USC 1381 et seq., Anti-  
61 Car Theft Act of 1992, 15 USC 2021 et seq., and] the Clean Air Act, 42  
62 USC 7401 et seq., and 49 USC Chapters 301, 305 and 321 to 331,  
63 inclusive, as amended from time to time, and any provision of the  
64 general statutes enacted to attain compliance with said federal acts;

65 (B) In the normal course of business by the requesting party, but  
66 only to confirm the accuracy of personal information submitted by the  
67 individual to the requesting party;

68 (C) In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or arbitral  
69 proceeding in any court or government agency or before any self-  
70 regulatory body, including the service of process, an investigation in  
71 anticipation of litigation by an attorney-at-law or any individual acting  
72 on behalf of an attorney-at-law and the execution or enforcement of  
73 judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of any court provided  
74 the requesting party is a party in interest to such proceeding;

75 (D) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and  
76 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations,  
77 recalls or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and  
78 motor vehicle parts and dealers, motor vehicle market research

79 activities including survey research, motor vehicle product and service  
80 communications, and removal of nonowner records from the original  
81 owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers, provided the personal  
82 information is not published, disclosed or used to contact individuals  
83 except as permitted under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

84 (E) By any insurer or insurance support organization or by a self-  
85 insured entity or its agents, employees or contractors, in connection  
86 with the investigation of claims arising under insurance policies,  
87 antifraud activities, rating or underwriting;

88 (F) In providing any notice required by law to owners or lienholders  
89 named in the certificate of title of towed, abandoned or impounded  
90 motor vehicles;

91 (G) By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify  
92 information relating to a holder of a passenger endorsement or  
93 commercial driver's license required under [the federal Commercial  
94 Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986,] 49 USC [2304 et seq.] Chapter 313,  
95 and sections 14-44 to 14-44m, inclusive;

96 (H) In connection with any lawful purpose of a labor organization,  
97 as defined in section 31-77, provided (i) such organization has entered  
98 into a contract with the commissioner, on such terms and conditions as  
99 the commissioner may require, and (ii) the information will be used  
100 only for the purposes specified in the contract other than campaign or  
101 political purposes;

102 (I) For bulk distribution for surveys, marketing or solicitations  
103 provided the commissioner has obtained the express consent of the  
104 individual to whom such personal information pertains;

105 (J) For the purpose of preventing fraud by verifying the accuracy of  
106 personal information contained in a motor vehicle record, including an  
107 individual's photograph or computerized image, as submitted by an  
108 individual to a legitimate business or an agent, employee or contractor  
109 of a legitimate business, provided the individual has provided express

110 consent in accordance with subdivision [(4)] (5) of subsection (a) of this  
111 section.

112 Sec. 504. Section 14-16c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
113 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2004*):

114 (a) (1) (A) Any insurance company which takes possession of a  
115 motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in this  
116 state, that has been declared a total loss [ , in] and that is offered for sale  
117 in this state by such insurance company or its agent as a result of the  
118 settlement of a claim for damage or theft, shall stamp the word  
119 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in  
120 length on the vehicle's certificate of title and shall attach to such  
121 certificate of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such  
122 totalled motor vehicle, except that if the insurance company  
123 determines that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component  
124 parts which are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the  
125 insurance company shall stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY"  
126 in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in length on the  
127 vehicle's certificate of title. A copy of such certificate shall be sent by  
128 the insurance company to the Department of Motor Vehicles. (B) Any  
129 insurance company which takes possession of a motor vehicle for  
130 which a certificate of title has been issued in any state other than this  
131 state that has been declared a total loss and that is offered for sale in  
132 this state by such insurance company or its agent as a result of the  
133 settlement of a claim for damage or theft, shall attach to such certificate  
134 of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such totalled motor  
135 vehicle.

136 (2) (A) Any person, firm or corporation which is a self-insurer and  
137 owns a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in  
138 this state, that has been declared a total loss and that is offered for sale  
139 in this state by such self-insurer or its agent, shall stamp the word  
140 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in  
141 length on the vehicle's certificate of title and shall attach to such  
142 certificate of title a copy of the appraiser's damage report for such

143 totalled motor vehicle, except that if such self-insurer determines that  
144 such motor vehicle has ten or more major component parts which are  
145 damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the self-insurer shall  
146 stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters  
147 not to exceed three inches in length on the motor vehicle's certificate of  
148 title. Any person, firm or corporation which is insured other than by  
149 means of self-insurance and owns such a motor vehicle, shall forward  
150 the vehicle's certificate of title to the company insuring such vehicle or  
151 the company paying the totalled claim. Such insurer shall stamp the  
152 word "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in  
153 length on the certificate of title except that if the insurance company  
154 determines that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component  
155 parts which are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, the  
156 insurer taking possession of such motor vehicle shall stamp the words  
157 "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three  
158 inches in length on the motor vehicle's certificate of title and shall  
159 return such certificate to such person, firm or corporation. A copy of  
160 such certificate shall be sent by the person, firm or corporation to the  
161 Department of Motor Vehicles. (B) Any person, firm or corporation  
162 which is a self-insurer and owns a motor vehicle for which a certificate  
163 of title has been issued in any state other than this state that has been  
164 declared a total loss and that is offered for sale in this state by such  
165 self-insurer or its agent, shall attach to such certificate of title a copy of  
166 the appraiser's damage report for such totalled motor vehicle.

167 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "major component part" shall  
168 have the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)  
169 of section 14-149a.

170 (b) Any insurance company or its agent taking possession of a  
171 motor vehicle in accordance with subsection (a) of this section or any  
172 person, firm or corporation which owns such motor vehicle shall copy  
173 the [stamped] certificate and give the original of such certificate, with a  
174 copy of the appraiser's damage report attached thereto, to any  
175 subsequent purchaser of the motor vehicle that has been declared a  
176 total loss. The name and address of any such purchaser [must] shall be

177 recorded on [the reverse side of] the original and the copy, as provided  
178 on the certificate. The copy shall serve only as a record of transfers of  
179 the total loss motor vehicle.

180 (c) The person, firm, company or corporation required to stamp  
181 "SALVAGE" on the certificate of title shall stamp the following  
182 statement on the face of any original or copy of such certificate issued  
183 in accordance with this section: "WARNING: ALL PURCHASERS OF  
184 THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED HEREIN MUST RECORD  
185 THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE REVERSE SIDE. THIS  
186 VEHICLE CANNOT BE REGISTERED OR RETITLED WITHOUT  
187 PASSING INSPECTION UNDER SECTION 14-103a. THIS  
188 DOCUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF  
189 INSPECTION."

190 (d) No motor vehicle for which a copy has been made in accordance  
191 with this section may be operated upon any highway in this state,  
192 except that an owner of any such motor vehicle who is a motor vehicle  
193 dealer or repairer licensed under the provisions of section 14-52 may  
194 operate such vehicle for the purpose of presenting the vehicle for  
195 inspection pursuant to section 14-103a. If such vehicle fails to comply  
196 with the minimum standards, it shall be transported from the site of  
197 such inspection. If any such motor vehicle is rebuilt for sale or use, the  
198 owner shall apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for an  
199 original certificate of title and present the vehicle for inspection  
200 pursuant to section 14-103a. The certificate of title issued in accordance  
201 with this section must be presented at the time of inspection, unless  
202 waived by the commissioner for good cause.

203 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a motor vehicle  
204 for which a certificate of title has been issued in this state, that has been  
205 declared a total loss in settlement of a claim for theft, having no  
206 damage to a major component part or having damage not exceeding  
207 (1) fifteen per cent of the retail value of such motor vehicle, as  
208 determined in accordance with the provisions of section 38a-353, or (2)  
209 one thousand dollars as evidenced by an insurance adjuster's damage

210 appraisal report, shall not be required to have its certificate of title  
211 stamped in accordance with the provisions of this section provided  
212 proof of such damage or lack of damage to a major component part, is  
213 attached to such certificate.

214 (f) No insurance company and no firm or corporation which is a  
215 self-insurer may sell or transfer any totalled or salvaged motor vehicle,  
216 major component parts or any other parts of a motor vehicle to any  
217 person, firm or corporation which is not licensed under the provisions  
218 of subparts (D) or (H) of part III of this chapter. No person, firm or  
219 corporation licensed as a new or used car dealer who holds a permit  
220 pursuant to the provisions of section 14-65 may sell or transfer any  
221 totalled or salvaged motor vehicle with a certificate of title stamped  
222 "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" or any motor vehicle which has ten or  
223 more major component parts damaged beyond repair and in need of  
224 replacement to any person, firm or corporation which is not licensed  
225 under the provisions of subpart (H) of part III of this chapter or under  
226 a similar provision of law of any other state. Any sale or transfer in  
227 violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute an unfair  
228 method of competition and an unfair or deceptive act or practice, as  
229 defined by section 42-110b.

230 (g) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in  
231 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the  
232 provisions of this section.

233 Sec. 505. Section 14-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
234 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

235 In any town, city or borough the local authorities referred to in  
236 section 14-54 shall, upon receipt of an application for a certificate of  
237 approval referred to in said section, assign the same for hearing within  
238 sixty-five days of the receipt of such application. Notice of the time and  
239 place of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper having a  
240 general circulation in such town, city or borough at least twice, at  
241 intervals of not less than two days, the first not more than fifteen, nor

242 less than ten days, and the last not less than two days before the date  
243 of such hearing and sent by certified mail to the applicant not less than  
244 fifteen days before the date of such hearing. All decisions on such  
245 certificate of approval shall be rendered within sixty-five days of such  
246 hearing. The applicant may consent to one or more extensions of any  
247 period specified in this section, provided the total extension of any  
248 such period shall not be for longer than the original period as specified  
249 in this section. The reasons for granting or denying such application  
250 shall be stated by the board or official. Notice of the decision shall be  
251 published in a newspaper having a general circulation in such town,  
252 city or borough and sent by certified mail to the applicant within  
253 fifteen days after such decision has been rendered. Such applicant shall  
254 pay a fee of ten dollars, together with the costs of publication and  
255 expenses of such hearing, to the treasurer of such town, city or  
256 borough. No such certificate shall be issued until the application has  
257 been approved and such location has been found suitable for the  
258 business intended, with due consideration to its location in reference to  
259 schools, churches, theaters, traffic conditions, width of highway and  
260 effect on public travel. In any case in which such approval has been  
261 previously granted for any location, the local authority may waive the  
262 requirement of a hearing on a subsequent application. In addition, the  
263 local authority may waive the requirement of a hearing on an  
264 application wherein the previously approved location of a place of  
265 business is to be enlarged to include adjoining or adjacent property.

266 Sec. 506. Section 14-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
267 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

268 No person shall engage in the business of conducting a drivers'  
269 school without being licensed therefor by the commissioner.  
270 Application therefor shall be in writing and shall contain such  
271 information as the commissioner requires. Each applicant shall be  
272 fingerprinted before such application is approved. If the application is  
273 approved, the applicant shall be granted a license upon the payment of  
274 a fee of one hundred dollars and a deposit with the commissioner of  
275 cash or a bond of a surety company authorized to do business in this

276 state, conditioned on the faithful performance by the applicant of any  
277 contract to furnish instruction, in either case in such amount as the  
278 commissioner may require, such cash or bond to be held by the  
279 commissioner to satisfy any execution issued against such school in a  
280 cause arising out of failure of such school to perform such contract.  
281 [On and after July 1, 1985, the] The license fee shall be [one hundred  
282 fifty dollars, on and after July 1, 1989, two hundred twenty-five  
283 dollars, on and after July 1, 1991, two hundred eighty dollars, and on  
284 and after July 1, 1993,] three hundred fifty dollars. For each additional  
285 place of business of such school, the commissioner shall charge a fee of  
286 [twenty-five dollars and, on and after July 1, 1985, thirty-eight dollars,  
287 on and after July 1, 1989, fifty-six dollars, on and after July 1, 1991,  
288 seventy dollars, and on and after July 1, 1993,] eighty-eight dollars. No  
289 license shall be required in the case of any board of education, or any  
290 public, private or parochial school, which conducts a course in driver  
291 education [approved by the State Board of Education or any person or  
292 school which gives instruction in any form or manner in the operation  
293 of other than private motor vehicles for compensation and is under the  
294 jurisdiction of the State Board of Education as provided in section 10-8]  
295 established in accordance with sections 14-36e and 14-36f. A license so  
296 issued shall be valid during the calendar year. The annual fee for  
297 renewal shall be the same amount and the same deposit of security  
298 shall be required. The commissioner shall issue a license certificate or  
299 certificates to each licensee, one of which shall be displayed in each  
300 place of business of the licensee. In case of the loss, mutilation or  
301 destruction of a certificate, the commissioner shall issue a duplicate  
302 upon proof of the facts and the payment of a fee of two dollars. [On  
303 and after July 1, 1985, such] Such fee shall be [three dollars, on and  
304 after July 1, 1989, four dollars and fifty cents, on and after July 1, 1991,  
305 five dollars and seventy-five cents, and on and after July 1, 1993,]  
306 seven dollars.

307 Sec. 507. Section 14-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
308 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

309 (a) No person shall purchase, sell or have in such person's

310 possession any motor vehicle, including construction equipment, or a  
311 major component part thereof, as defined in section 14-67h, or  
312 agricultural tractors or farm implements with a mutilated, altered or  
313 removed vehicle identification, factory or engine number or a number  
314 which shows evidence of having been tampered with, except as  
315 hereinafter provided.

316 (b) Any officer attached to an organized police department, any  
317 state police officer or inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles,  
318 upon discovery of any motor vehicle, including construction  
319 equipment, or major component part thereof, as defined in section 14-  
320 67h, or agricultural tractors or farm implements, the vehicle  
321 identification, engine or factory number of which has been mutilated,  
322 altered or removed, shall take such motor vehicle or major component  
323 part if not affixed to such vehicle, or agricultural tractor or farm  
324 implement into [such officer's] custody. [Any] Except as provided in  
325 subsection (c) of this section, any such motor vehicle or major  
326 component part or agricultural tractor or farm implement shall be  
327 disposed of in accordance with the provisions of section 54-36a, and in  
328 the case of a motor vehicle for which the owner, registration or title has  
329 been identified, a report of such action shall be made to the  
330 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Such officer or inspector may take  
331 into custody the operator of such motor vehicle or agricultural tractor  
332 or farm implement or person in possession of such part and present  
333 such operator or person before a proper court. No such operator or  
334 person shall be discharged from custody until such operator or person  
335 has proved to the satisfaction of the court the ownership of such motor  
336 vehicle or such part or such agricultural tractor or farm implement and  
337 such operator's or person's right to its custody, provided any such  
338 operator or person may be admitted to bail pending proceedings  
339 thereon. If such operator or person is unable to establish ownership of  
340 such motor vehicle or such part or such agricultural tractor or farm  
341 implement to the satisfaction of the court, the court shall order such  
342 motor vehicle or part to be forfeited and turned over to the police  
343 department or agency whose officer or inspector seized such motor

344 vehicle or part or agricultural tractor or farm implement to be used for  
345 such department or agency's purposes or sold at auction with the  
346 proceeds given to such department or agency. No officer or inspector  
347 shall be personally liable for any official act [done] performed under  
348 the provisions of this section.

349 (c) Any inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon  
350 discovery of any motor vehicle or major component part, the vehicle  
351 identification, engine or factory number of which has been mutilated,  
352 altered or removed in the possession of any licensee of the department,  
353 including a new or used car dealer who has been issued an auction  
354 permit in accordance with the provisions of section 14-65, or a motor  
355 vehicle dealer or repairer authorized to tow or transport and store  
356 motor vehicles in accordance with the provisions of section 14-66, shall  
357 take such motor vehicle or major component part into custody. If the  
358 motor vehicle or major component part is owned by any such licensee  
359 or an insurance company, or if such licensee or insurance company has  
360 the right to transfer and dispose of such vehicle or major component  
361 part, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, upon receipt of  
362 transfer of title or forfeiture of all right and interest therein and  
363 notwithstanding the method of disposition required under subsection  
364 (b) of this section, make any disposition of such motor vehicle or major  
365 component part that the commissioner deems necessary or advisable.  
366 The provisions of this subsection shall apply to construction  
367 equipment, agricultural tractors or farm implements, the vehicle  
368 identification, engine or factory number of which has been mutilated,  
369 altered or removed.

370 [(c)] (d) Any officer attached to an organized police department, any  
371 state police officer or inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles,  
372 upon discovery of any motor vehicle, construction equipment,  
373 agricultural tractor or farm implement which has been reported as  
374 stolen, shall take such motor vehicle, construction equipment,  
375 agricultural tractor or farm implement into [such officer's] custody and  
376 have it returned to its rightful owner or, if such owner cannot be  
377 determined or if such motor vehicle, construction equipment,

378 agricultural tractor or farm implement is needed for evidence, shall  
379 have it taken to and stored in a suitable place.

380     ~~[(d)]~~ (e) No motor vehicle shall be registered unless it has  
381 permanently cut, impressed or embossed on some portion thereof a  
382 factory, serial or identification number or mark. Any person who  
383 knowingly has in such person's possession any motor vehicle,  
384 construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement from  
385 which the factory, serial or other identification number has been  
386 removed, defaced, obliterated or changed shall ~~[forthwith]~~  
387 immediately file with the commissioner a sworn statement describing  
388 such motor vehicle, construction equipment, agricultural tractor or  
389 farm implement and showing the source of such person's title and, if  
390 known, the reason for such removal, defacement, obliteration or  
391 change, together with a fee in the amount of fifty dollars. If satisfied as  
392 to the facts, the commissioner may grant permission to cut, impress or  
393 emboss permanently into the motor of such motor vehicle,  
394 construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement a  
395 special identification number or mark which shall thereafter be  
396 deemed sufficient for the purpose of registration of such motor vehicle,  
397 construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement. No  
398 person shall wilfully remove, deface, obliterate or change or cause to  
399 be removed, obliterated, defaced or changed any factory, serial or  
400 other identification number or mark on or from any motor vehicle,  
401 construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement.

402     ~~[(e)]~~ (f) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall,  
403 for the first offense, be fined not more than two thousand five hundred  
404 dollars or imprisoned not more than three years, or both, and, for the  
405 second or subsequent offense, be fined not more than five thousand  
406 dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

407     Sec. 508. Subsection (a) of section 14-227f of the general statutes is  
408 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
409 *October 1, 2003*):

410 (a) Any person whose motor vehicle operator's license or  
411 nonresident operating privilege is suspended under subsection (g) of  
412 section 14-227a for a conviction of a [second or subsequent] violation of  
413 subsection (a) of said section or under section 14-227b for a second or  
414 subsequent time shall participate in a treatment program approved by  
415 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner shall not  
416 reinstate the operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of  
417 any such person until such person submits evidence to the  
418 commissioner that he has satisfactorily completed the treatment  
419 program.

420 Sec. 509. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) On and after January 1,  
421 2004, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue Childhood  
422 Cancer Awareness commemorative number plates of a design to  
423 enhance public awareness of state efforts to treat and cure childhood  
424 cancer. The design shall be determined by agreement between the  
425 Commissioner of Public Health and the Commissioner of Motor  
426 Vehicles. No use shall be made of such plates except as official  
427 registration marker plates.

428 (b) A fee of fifty dollars shall be charged for Childhood Cancer  
429 Awareness commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular  
430 fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen  
431 dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the  
432 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,  
433 issuing, renewing and replacing such number plates and thirty-five  
434 dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the  
435 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for purposes of  
436 section 10 of this act. Such number plates shall have letters and  
437 numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The  
438 commissioner may establish a higher fee for: (1) Number plates that  
439 contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued number  
440 plate; (2) number plates that contain letters in place of numbers as  
441 authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the  
442 fee or fees prescribed for registration under section 14-40 of the general  
443 statutes; and (3) number plates that are low number plates issued in

444 accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to  
445 the fee or fees prescribed for registration under section 14-160 of the  
446 general statutes. All fees established and collected pursuant to this  
447 section, except moneys designated for administrative costs of the  
448 Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the Childhood  
449 Cancer Awareness account established pursuant to section 10 of this  
450 act.

451 (c) A renewal fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged for renewal or  
452 registration of a motor vehicle bearing Childhood Cancer Awareness  
453 commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees  
454 prescribed for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle. Five dollars  
455 of the renewal fee shall be designated for administrative costs of the  
456 Department of Motor Vehicles. No additional renewal fee shall be  
457 charged for renewal of registration for any motor vehicle bearing  
458 Childhood Cancer Awareness commemorative number plates which  
459 contain letters in place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of  
460 the renewal fee for Childhood Cancer Awareness commemorative  
461 number plates with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner  
462 of Motor Vehicles. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an  
463 existing registration to or from a registration with Childhood Cancer  
464 Awareness commemorative number plates.

465 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the  
466 Commissioner of Public Health, may adopt regulations, in accordance  
467 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish  
468 standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement  
469 of Childhood Cancer Awareness commemorative number plates.

470 Sec. 510. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) There is established an  
471 account to be known as the "Childhood Cancer Awareness account"  
472 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General  
473 Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
474 deposited in the account.

475 (b) The moneys in said account shall be expended by the Secretary

476 of the Office of Policy and Management for the purposes of: (1)  
477 Providing funding to the pediatric oncology units at Connecticut  
478 Children's Medical Center and Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital,  
479 and (2) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the  
480 cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing Childhood Cancer  
481 Awareness number plates, including administrative expenses,  
482 pursuant to section 14-21f of the general statutes.

483 (c) The secretary may receive private donations to said account and  
484 any such receipts shall be deposited in the account.

485 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may provide for the  
486 reproduction and marketing of the Childhood Cancer Awareness  
487 number plate image for use on clothing, recreational equipment,  
488 posters, mementoes, or other products or programs deemed by the  
489 commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the childhood  
490 cancer awareness account. Any moneys received by the commissioner  
491 from such marketing shall be deposited in said account.

492 Sec. 511. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) On and after January 1,  
493 2004, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue wildlife  
494 conservation commemorative number plates of a design to enhance  
495 public awareness of state efforts to conserve wildlife species and their  
496 habitats in Connecticut. The design shall be determined by agreement  
497 between the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the  
498 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No use shall be made of such plates  
499 except as official registration marker plates.

500 (b) A fee of fifty dollars shall be charged for wildlife conservation  
501 commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees  
502 prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of  
503 such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department  
504 of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing,  
505 renewing and replacing such number plates and thirty-five dollars of  
506 such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Secretary of  
507 the Office of Policy and Management for purposes of section 12 of this

508 act. Such number plates shall have letters and numbers selected by the  
509 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may establish a  
510 higher fee for: (1) Number plates that contain the numbers and letters  
511 from a previously issued number plate; (2) number plates that contain  
512 letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-49 of the  
513 general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for  
514 registration under said section; and (3) number plates that are low  
515 number plates issued in accordance with section 14-160 of the general  
516 statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under  
517 said section.

518 (c) A renewal fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged for renewal of  
519 registration of a motor vehicle bearing a wildlife conservation  
520 commemorative number plate, in addition to the regular fee or fees  
521 prescribed for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle. Five dollars  
522 of the renewal fee shall be designated for administrative costs of the  
523 Department of Motor Vehicles. No additional renewal fee shall be  
524 charged for renewal of registration for any motor vehicle bearing a  
525 wildlife conservation commemorative number plate which contain  
526 letters in place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of the  
527 renewal fee for wildlife conservation commemorative number plates  
528 with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor  
529 Vehicles. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing  
530 registration to or from a registration with wildlife conservation  
531 commemorative number plates.

532 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the  
533 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, may adopt regulations, in  
534 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
535 establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and  
536 replacement of wildlife conservation commemorative number plates.

537 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may notify eligible  
538 motorists of the opportunity to obtain wildlife conservation program  
539 commemorative number plates by including a notice with motor  
540 vehicle registration renewals and by posting appropriate posters or

541 signs in all division facilities and offices. The notices, posters and signs  
542 shall be designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in  
543 consultation with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

544 Sec. 512. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) There is established an  
545 account to be known as the "wildlife conservation account". The  
546 wildlife conservation account shall be an account of the Conservation  
547 Fund established under section 22a-27h of the general statutes.  
548 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any moneys  
549 required by law to be deposited in the account shall be deposited in  
550 the Conservation Fund and credited to the wildlife conservation  
551 account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal  
552 year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next  
553 succeeding. The account shall be available to the Commissioner of  
554 Environmental Protection for: (1) Matching federal and private wildlife  
555 conservation funds; (2) providing grants to municipalities and  
556 nonprofit organizations for wildlife conservation purposes; (3) wildlife  
557 research and management, with an emphasis on those wildlife species  
558 in greatest need of conservation; (4) wildlife inventory and restoration;  
559 (5) wildlife habitat acquisition, restoration, enhancement and  
560 management, including, but not limited to, the conservation of  
561 grasslands and other early successional habitats; and (6) public  
562 outreach that promotes the preservation of the state's wildlife  
563 diversity.

564 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may receive  
565 private donations to the wildlife conservation account and any such  
566 receipts shall be deposited in the account.

567 (c) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may provide for  
568 the reproduction and marketing of the wildlife conservation  
569 commemorative number plate image for use on clothing, recreational  
570 equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or programs  
571 deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting  
572 the wildlife conservation account. Any funds received by the  
573 commissioner from such marketing shall be deposited in the wildlife

574 conservation account.

575 Sec. 513. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) There is established a task force to  
576 study the use and display of flashing, revolving and other  
577 nonstandard lighting equipment on motor vehicles. The task force  
578 shall study the types of such nonstandard lights, the classes of motor  
579 vehicles on which such lights may be installed and the safety risks and  
580 benefits of the use of such lights. Such study shall include, but not be  
581 limited to (1) the feasibility of adopting standard colors for different  
582 classes of emergency vehicles, (2) limitations on revolving lights with  
583 respect to law enforcement and nonlaw enforcement vehicles, (3) the  
584 need to clarify existing statutory standards, (4) evaluation of the  
585 current process for permitting or authorizing the use of flashing or  
586 revolving lights, and (5) means and methods of enforcement standards  
587 and restrictions.

588 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The  
589 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee, (2)  
590 the Commissioner of Public Safety, or the commissioner's designee, (3)  
591 the Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's designee,  
592 (4) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
593 secretary's designee, (5) a representative of the Connecticut Chiefs of  
594 Police Association, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
595 (6) a representative of a police trooper organization, appointed by the  
596 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, (7) a representative of a driving  
597 safety advocacy group, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor  
598 Vehicles, (8) an automotive engineer, appointed by the Commissioner  
599 of Motor Vehicles, (9) a representative of the Connecticut Firefighters  
600 Association, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and  
601 (10) a representative of a volunteer fire department, appointed by the  
602 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and (11) an emergency services  
603 provider, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

604 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
605 August 1, 2003. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing  
606 authority. The task force shall elect the chairperson at its first meeting

607 from among its members.

608 (d) Not later than February 4, 2004, the task force shall submit a  
609 report on its findings and recommendations to the Department of  
610 Motor Vehicles and to the joint standing committee of the General  
611 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in  
612 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
613 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
614 on February 4, 2004, whichever is earlier.

615 Sec. 514. Section 83 of public act 03-115 is amended to read as  
616 follows (*Effective from passage*):

617 Bridge number 1392 located on Route 156 in the town of Old Lyme  
618 overpassing the Lieutenant River shall be designated the ["John]  
619 "Thomas A. Fox Memorial Bridge".

620 Sec. 515. Section 9 of public act 03-115 is amended to read as follows  
621 (*Effective from passage*):

622 A segment of Route 115 through Derby, Ansonia and Seymour shall  
623 be designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

624 Sec. 516. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 1 of substitute  
625 senate bill 921 of the current session is repealed and the following is  
626 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

627 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any  
628 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant  
629 has held a learner's permit and has satisfied the requirements specified  
630 in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) present to the commissioner  
631 a certificate of the successful completion in a public secondary school,  
632 a state vocational school or a private secondary school of a full course  
633 of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided in section 14-  
634 36e or of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers'  
635 school approved by the commissioner, including, in each case,  
636 successful completion of not less than eight clock hours of behind-the-

637 wheel, on-the-road instruction; (B) present to the commissioner a  
638 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than  
639 [five] eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a  
640 minimum of [two] four hours on the nature and the medical, biological  
641 and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the  
642 operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation  
643 of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the  
644 operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for  
645 alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an  
646 examination which shall include a comprehensive test as to knowledge  
647 of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road and an  
648 on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time  
649 of application and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license,  
650 an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a  
651 learner's permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that  
652 an applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A) of this  
653 subdivision shall have held a learner's permit for not less than one  
654 hundred twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing training  
655 and instruction by the handicapped driver training unit in accordance  
656 with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for  
657 the period of time required by said unit. The Commissioner of Motor  
658 Vehicles shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction at  
659 drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Such [five]  
660 eight hours of instruction [may] shall be included as part of or in  
661 addition to any existing instruction programs. Any fee charged for the  
662 course required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not  
663 exceed [forty dollars] an amount prescribed by the commissioner by  
664 regulation adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Any applicant  
665 sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a resident of another  
666 state, completed the course required in subparagraph (A) of this  
667 subdivision, but did not complete the safe driving course required in  
668 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall complete the safe driving  
669 course, and any fee charged for the course shall not exceed an amount  
670 prescribed by the commissioner by regulation adopted in accordance  
671 with chapter 54. The commissioner may waive any requirement in this

672 subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in  
673 the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a  
674 valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state,  
675 provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received  
676 training and instruction of a similar nature. (2) The commissioner may  
677 accept as evidence of sufficient training under subparagraph (A) of  
678 subdivision (1) of this subsection home training as evidenced by a  
679 written statement signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant,  
680 or by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or the legal guardian of an  
681 applicant which states that the applicant has obtained a learner's  
682 permit and has successfully completed a driving course taught by the  
683 person signing the statement, [and] that the signer has had an  
684 operator's license for at least four years preceding the date of the  
685 statement, and that the signer has not had such license suspended by  
686 the commissioner for at least four years preceding the date of the  
687 statement or, if the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent,  
688 foster parent or guardian so qualified and available to give the  
689 instruction, a statement signed by the applicant's stepparent, brother,  
690 sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or marriage, provided the person  
691 signing the statement is qualified. (3) If the commissioner requires a  
692 written test of any applicant under this section, the test shall be given  
693 in English or Spanish at the option of the applicant, provided the  
694 commissioner shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient  
695 understanding of English for the interpretation of traffic control signs.  
696 (4) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in  
697 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the  
698 purposes of this subsection concerning the content of safe driving  
699 instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary  
700 schools.

701 Sec. 517. Subsection (a) of section 14-227f of the general statutes is  
702 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
703 *October 1, 2003*):

704 (a) Any person whose motor vehicle operator's license or  
705 nonresident operating privilege is suspended under subsection (g) of

706 section 14-227a for a conviction of a second or subsequent violation of  
707 subsection (a) of said section or under section 14-227b for a second or  
708 subsequent time shall participate in a treatment program which  
709 includes an assessment of the degree of alcohol abuse and treatment,  
710 as appropriate, approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The  
711 commissioner shall not reinstate the operator's license or nonresident  
712 operating privilege of any such person until such person submits  
713 evidence to the commissioner that he has satisfactorily completed the  
714 treatment program.

715 Sec. 518. (*Effective from passage*) Section 87 of public act 03-115 is  
716 repealed."